

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-5, 9, 12, and 14-18 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action dated October 22, 2008, rejected Claims 1-5, 9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Sinnarajah et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub'n No. 2004/0203655 A1, hereinafter “Sinnarajah”) in view of Vänskä et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,047,041 B2 hereinafter “Vänskä”).

Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 9, 12, and 17 patentably distinguish over any proper combination Sinnarajah and Vänskä.

Amended Claim 1 recites a communication apparatus, including, in part, “transmission means . . . for transmitting available/unavailable request information that requests information showing whether or not said external device offers a service providing said related information about the contents, if said detection means detects that said user personal information is not stored in said storage medium” Applicants respectfully submit that Sinnarajah and Vänskä fail to disclose or suggest those features.

Sinnarajah concerns “the initiation of broadcast content delivery to a wireless subscriber-station on a shared or individual communication channel.”¹ Sinnarajah describes a sequence in which “In step 608, the base station transmits a ‘simplified’ BSPM, which utilizes a flag or other indicator to briefly reflect the fact that broadcast programs are available from the source base station on individual channels”² Further to Sinnarajah,

¹ Sinnarajah, para. [0002].

² Id., para. [0084].

"In step 608, the subscriber-station also receives the simplified BSPM and notes whether broadcast programs are available from the subject base station."³

That is, Sinnarajah describes a subscriber-station receiving a flag reflecting whether broadcast programs are available from a base station. Sinnarajah does not disclose or suggest that the subscriber-station transmits a request for the flag. Sinnarajah fails to disclose or suggest "transmission means . . . for *transmitting available/unavailable request information that requests information* showing whether or not said external device offers a service providing said related information about the contents, if said detection means detects that said user personal information is not stored in said storage medium," as recited in Claim 1.

Further, Sinnarajah does not describe a qualification to the transmission of the flag by the base station. Sinnarajah fails to disclose or suggest "transmission means . . . for transmitting available/unavailable request information that requests information showing whether or not said external device offers a service providing said related information about the contents, *if said detection means detects that said user personal information is not stored in said storage medium*," as recited in Claim 1.

Vänskä concerns a method for storing personal information in which a "Service discovery occurs during which, in the embodiment of FIG. 7, the mobile terminal 700 receives an indication of the service(s) offered by the service provider 706."⁴ According to the Vänskä method, "The mobile terminal 700 then determines whether one or more of the offered services is suitable for the user's context as indicated by the previously selected context card."⁵ Further to Vänskä, "If an offered service suits the user's context, then, in step

³ Id.

⁴ Vänskä, col. 11, ll. 34-37.

⁵ Id., ll. 37-40.

710, mobile terminal 700 transmits a service request containing the context card 704 to the service provider 706.”⁶

That is, Vänskä merely describes transmitting a service request when an offered service suits a user’s context. Vänskä fails to disclose or suggest “transmission means . . . for transmitting available/unavailable request information that requests information showing whether or not said external device offers a service providing said related information about the contents, *if said detection means detects that said user personal information is not stored in said storage medium,*” as recited in Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that Sinnarajah and Vänskä, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “transmission means . . . for transmitting available/unavailable request information that requests information showing whether or not said external device offers a service providing said related information about the contents, if said detection means detects that said user personal information is not stored in said storage medium,” as recited in Claim 1. It is further submitted that independent Claim 1 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably distinguishes over any proper combination of Sinnarajah and Vänskä.

It is additionally submitted that independent Claims 9, 12, and 17 are allowable for the same reasons as discussed above with regard to Claim 1 and for the more detailed features presented in those claims.

⁶ Id., ll. 43-46.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is patentably distinguished over the cited art and is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

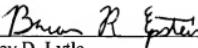
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